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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

May 8, 2002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

In response to the Office Action of January 22, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 1/3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein.

Please amend the claims as follows.

- (Twice Amended) A method for modifying a pulp sheet, which comprises internally adding a compound having the lyotropic degree as defined in Claim 10 of not less than 4%, before or in the paper making step into a pulp slurry to provide at least two of the properties (1) to (3)
- (1) improved bulky value of at least 0.02 g/cm^3 ,